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Called in

Yes/No

**THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET**

Name of Cabinet Member:

Councillor Lin Fairbrass, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Services

Relevant Portfolio:

Community Services

Date of Decision:

28 July 2016

Subject:

Updated Air Quality Technical & Planning Guidance 2016

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

The principle aim of the Air Quality Technical Planning Guidance is to coordinate an emission mitigation approach to improve air quality across Thanet. This will enable key issues, including road traffic, transportation and development, to be addressed in an integrated manner and will assist in the promotion of effective Air Quality monitoring, management and education across a broader geographic area. The report seeks Cabinet approval to amend the Air Quality Action Plan to include updated Planning Guidance.

Decision made:

Cabinet approved the updated Air Quality Technical Planning Guidance (Annex 1 to the Cabinet report) which will form part of the approved Air Quality Action Plan 2013.

Reasons for decision:

i) To put into place technical planning guidance to reduce pollution levels across the urban Air Quality Management Area

ii) To comply with the requirements of Environment Act 1995, Part IV, Section 84.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

i) Cabinet could have considered not adopting the updated guidance which will form part of the current Air Quality Action Plan. The production of the Air Quality Action Plan is a legal requirement following the declaration of an AQMA and further updated guidance has been produced by DEFRA since the implementation of Thanet Air Quality Action Plan 2013.

The recommended updated Technical Guidance is therefore considered to be appropriate and reflection of updated DEFRA guidance on Local Air Quality Management.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

None

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Background papers

CMT EP Report fv Annex 1 - Thanet AQ Planning Guidance 2016 fv Annex 2 CIA - Annex 3

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

None

Last date for call in:

8 August 2016